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1. AMBASSADOR MADE SEPARATE CALLS ON BIJEDIC AND MOJSOV MARCH 10 TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS SCHEDULE AND ANY OUTSTANDING DETAILS OF VISIT BEFORE HE DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON.

2. ON SCHEDULE, FOLLOWING COMMENTS EMERGED:

MARCH 18 -- SPECIAL JAT PLANE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ABOUT 4:00 PM TO PERMIT SIGHTSEEING DURING EVENING. AMBASSADOR NOTED EVENING WAS OTHERWISE LEFT FREE TO PERMIT REST FROM LONG FLIGHT, BUT OFFERED TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING PRIVATE DINNER, IF DESIRED. YUGOSLAV SIDE AGREED THAT PRIVATE DINNER IS APPROPRIATE AND NO ARRANGEMENTS NEED BE MADE FOR EVENING.

MARCH 19 -- SIGHTSEEING IN WILLIAMSBURG MAY CONTINUE IN MORNING PRIOR TO DEPARTURE BY HELICOPTER FOR WASHINGTON. BIJEDIC FELT APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED FOR THAT DAY WERE EMINENTLY SATISFACTORY. HE ESPECIALLY LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OVER WORKING LUNCH, ANTICIPATING BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS FOLLOWING PATTERN SET
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BY TITO'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENTS KENNEDY AND NIXON, AND

SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH TITO, MINIC AND HIMSELF. YUGOSLAVS UNDERSTAND WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY WILL NOW FOLLOW LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT. AMBASSADOR DREW ATTENTION TO HIS UNDERSTANDING OF RESCHEDULING OF US-HOSTED EVENING FUNCTION FROM MARCH 19 TO MARCH 20 AND NOTED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NOTHING WAS NOW PALNNED FOR EVENING OF MARCH 19 BUT OFFERED TO ASSIST WITH ANY ARRANGEMENTS BIJEDIC WOULD LIKE TO MAKE. YUGOSLAVS CONFIRMED THAT LAST EVENT OF DAY NOW SCHEDULED IS BIJEDIC'S CALL ON MAYOR WASHINGTON AT 5:00 PM.

MARCH 20 -- BIJEDIC FELT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH 20 AND 21 WERE SATISFACTORY. MOJSOV ASKED FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE CLARIFICATION OF SCHEDULE SINCE MZDTING WITH SECRETAGC, LUNCH HOSTED BY SENATE AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS STILL SHOWN ON DEPT'S SCHEDULE AS TENTATIVE. YUGOSLAVS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SOONEST SHOULD SECRETARY BE DETAINED IN MIDDLE EAST AND ALSO WHAT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE. BIJEDIC SUGGESTED THAT MOJSOV MIGHT MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN DEPT IF SECRETARY IS UNAVAILABLE FOR MEETING WITH HIM. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WILL DELAY ISSUING INVITATIONS TO ITS RECEPTION MARCH 20 UNTIL SCHEDULE IS CLARIFIED. DATE OF RECEPTION MAY POSSIBLY BE SWITCHED TO MARCH 19 AT SAME TIME (7 TO 9 PM).

MARCH 21 AND 22 -- BIJEDIC NOTED THAT MEETING WITH UN SYG WALDHEIM IS SET FOR 21ST AT 4.00 PM. MOJSOV SAID MARCH 22 SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR SIGHTSEEING, VISITS TO MUSEUMS, AND WINDUP OF CONSULTATIONS WITH YUGOSLAV BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL CONTACTS. AMBASSADOR INVITED YUGOSLAVS TO INFORM EITHER OF TWO EMBASSIES OF ANY ADDITIONAL WISHES FOR SIGHTSEEING OR APPOINTMENTS.

3. RE REFTTEL (B) AMBASSADOR NOTED NO APPOINTMENTS MADE WITH AGRICULTURE OR TREASURY BUT IF EITHER BIJEDIC OR SMOLE OR OTHERS IN PARTY WANTED THEM THEY COULD BE ARRANGED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUERY, BIJEDIC SAID HE SAW NO NEED FOR HIS ENTIRE PARTY TO REMAIN TOGETHER AS A UNIT FOR ALL MEETINGS. SINCE TIME SHORT AND THERE SO MANY PEOPLE TO SEE HE FELT THAT PERHAPS PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF PARTY, E.G. SMOLE AND MOJSOV COULD VERY WELL HAVE PARALLEL SCHEDULES OF APPOINTMENTS. THIS, HOWEVER, COULD BE WORKED OUT BY YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND HE HAD NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

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4. AMBASSADOR INFORMED BIJEDIC THAT HE WOULD BE UNDER SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION THROUGHOUT VISIT FOR WHICH BIJEDIC EXPRESSED THANKS AND ANTICIPATION OF NO SECURITY PROBLEMS. MOJSOV, HOWEVER, DESCRIBED BIJEDIC AS "VERY SENSITIVE" AND EMPHASIZED THAT ANY INCIDENTS SUCH AS NOISY USTASHI MEETINGS OR PICKETING NEAR BLAIR HOUSE OR OTHER QUARTERS BIJEDIC OCCUPIES, WOULD MAKE BIJEDICVERY ANGRY AND HAVE DAMAGING EFFECT ON VISIT. MOJSOV RECALLED LASTING NEGATIVE IM-

PRESSION TITO TOOK AWAY AS RESULT OF UNPLEASANTNESS
IN NEW YORK IN 1963. MOJSOV FURTHER NOTED THAT
CROATIAN BROTHERHOOD WOULD BE MEETING IN TORONTO DURING VISIT
AND EXPRESSED HOPE US WOULD PREVENT ATTENDANCE BY "USTASHI
TERRORISTS RESIDENT IN US". AMBASSADOR ASSURED MOJSOV THAT US
WOULD DO WHATEVER LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO PREVENT INCIDENTS AND HOPED
VISIT COULD OCCUR WITHOUT ANY MARRING INCIDENTS BUT NOTED THAT
NATURE OF US SYSTEM LIMITED OUR ABILITY TO PREVENT SORT OF
INCIDENTS MOJSOV HAD IN MIND. WE COULD NOT PREVENT US CITIZENS
FROM GOING TO TORONTO MEETING, FOR EXAMPLE. MOJSOV SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD BUT HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE LEADERSHIP COULD NOT UNDERSTAND
WHY A GREAT POWER LIKE US SEEMED UNABLE CONTROL VIOLENCE AND
HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF USTASHI ELEMENTS UNFRIENDLY TO YUGOSLAVIA.

5. BIJEDIC SAID THAT FONSEC MINIC WOULD JOIN PARTY IN NEW YORK
AFTER HAVANA MEETING OF NONALIGNED COORDINATING GROUP.
AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT HAVANA MEETING WILL COINCIDE WITH VISIT
TO WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ITS DELIBERATIONS AND PUBLIC
STATEMENTS WOULD NOT MAR FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT. WHILE
NOTING US AND YUGOSLAV DIFFERENCES ON SOME WORLD ISSUES, BIJEDIC
FELT HAVANA MEETING WOULD NOT CREATE KINDS OF REPERCUSSIONS WHICH
HAD BOTHERED BILATERAL RELATIONS IN PAST.

6. BIJEDIC SAID HE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT BY
WASHINGTON. ON AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE BIJEDIC AGAIN RETURNED
TO THEME THAT VISIT CONSTITUTES USEFUL CONTINUATION OF HIGH-LEVEL
US-YUGOSLAV EXCHANGES IN TRADITION OF TITO'S MEETINGS WITH US
PRESIDENTS. HE REGRETTED THAT HE MUST RETURN TO BELGRADE MARCH 23
TO PRESIDE OVER IMPORTANT MEETINGS INVOLVING FEC, THE
PRESIDENCY AND FOUR KEY COORDINATING COMMITTEES WHICH WERE
RECENTLY ESTABLISHED.

7. MOJSOV SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT US SIDE WOULD PREPARE
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A JOINT DRAFT STATEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE YUGOSLAV SIDE AND
HOPED DRAFT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.
AMBASSADOR AGREED WE WOULD CHECK ON THIS AND BE IN TOUCH WITH FSFA
AS SOON AS WE HAD RECEIVED DEFINITIVE WORD FROM WASHINGTON. FYI:
EMBASSY WILL FORWARD DRAFT TEXT FOR DEPT'S CONSIDERATION BY
SEPTTEL.
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